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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON TENSIONS IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE

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1. SUMMARY: MDR YOUTH CONTINUE TO TRY TO MAKE POLITICAL HAY OUT OF SHOOTING IN KIBOGORA OVER THE WEEKEND -- 30 ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. PRIME MINISTER GOES TO NYAKABUYE AND KIRAMBO COMMUNES TO TRY TO CALM TENSIONS. AFTER INITIAL REPORT, LACK OF ADDITIONAL

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NEWS ON ARREST OF SUSPECTS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF AN ANTI-TANK MINE HAS FUELED SPECULATION THAT THEY WERE AFFILIATED WITH THE MRND OR CDR. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL REPORTED ON THE SHOOTING OF A WORKER BY SOLDIERS AT THE KIBOGORA MISSION HOSPITAL ON NOV. 11, AND ON THE ARREST OF TWO PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY IN THE POSSESSION OF AN ANTI-TANK MINE ON NOV. 10. AMERICAN MISSIONARIES REPORTED THAT THE LOCAL MDR YOUTH WERE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE POLITICAL HAY OUT OF THE SHOOTING BY DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE BOURGMESTRE OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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KIRAMBO COMMUNE. ON NOV 12 AND 13, MDR YOUTH SET UP ROAD BLOCKS IN THE AREA, DESTROYED THREE BRIDGES (TWO ON MISSION PROPERTY) INTERRUPTED THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE COMMUNE, AND DEMANDED THAT ALL GENDARMES BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AREA. THROUGH THE WEEKEND THE MISSION HOSPITAL ADMITTED SOME 30 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS INJURIES, INCLUDING MACHETE AND GUN SHOT WOUNDS, AND TREATED A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHERS IN THEIR OUTPATIENT CLINIC FOR SIMILAR INJURIES.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER (OF THE MDR PARTY) VISITED THE AREA IN THE COMPANY OF THE ARMY AND GENDARMERIE CHIEFS OF STAFF ON NOV. 15 IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE CALM. THE PM CALLED FOR ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR MILITANTS, AND FOR THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES TO DISSEMINATE THE MESSAGE OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION. MISSIONARIES REPORT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH WAS INTERRUPTED A NUMBER OF TIMES BY SHOUTING FROM THE CROWD OF MDR YOUTH.

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4. AS OF NOV 16, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CALM SEEMS TO HAVE RETURNED TO THE AREA. THERE IS STILL NO WATER, BRIDGES ARE STILL OUT, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ROAD BLOCKS STILL IN PLACE, AND THE TELEPHONES, WHILE NEVER PARTICULARLY RELIABLE IN THIS AREA, ARE COMPLETELY OFF. (THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO CONNECT THE TELEPHONE PROBLEM WITH THE UNREST; HOWEVER, THE DAMAGE TO THE BRIDGES MEANS THAT THE MISSIONARIES CANNOT EASILY GO IN SEARCH OF A TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN TO EFFECT REPAIRS.) AMERICA CITIZENS IN THE AREA DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY ARE THREATENED. POST CONTINUES TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THEM VIA RADIO.

5. COMMENT: THE INCIDENT OF THE ANTI-TANK MINE IS CURIOUS. RWANDAN RADIO REPORTED THE ARREST OF TKB HTXIIRJLQ ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF THEIR FATE. IF IN FACT THE TWO WERE AGENTS OF THE RPF, ONE WOULD EXPECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY TO SURROUND THEIR ARREST. INSTEAD, THERE HAS BEEN SILENCE, WHICH HAS FUELED SPECULATION THAT IN FACT, THESE MINE LAYERS ARE AFFILIATED NOT WITH THE RPF, BUT WITH AGENTS PROVOCATEURS WITHIN THE MRND OR CDR PARTIES. END COMMENT.

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